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THE IMPORTANCE TO THE CHINESE IMPERIAL
Government of the revenue collected by the
Maritime Customs—especially because appar-
ent after their establishment, and this was
so promptly recognised at Peking that when
the first purpose for which the foreign staff
had been established had been attained,
namely, the payment of the war indemnity,
the control of the service was gladly left
under the same able direction. The re-
venue has continued all the time steadily
growing, until last year it attained the
magnificent total of 23,618,021 as com-
pared with the 18,531,670 in 1929. This
source of income the Imperial Government
feel, by this time, to be a reliable one,
not subject to fluctuations, not liable to sweating
at the hands of unprincipled mandarin,
and not likely to be reduced to a mere
either on the plea of bad trade, famine, or
inundation. The contributions from the
provincial governments, always feeble, are
subject to all sorts of reductions and are
usually delayed on pretexts more or less
plausible, but frequently without any genuine
excuse, and sometimes a memorial praying
that the customary remittance may be sus-
pended for the year on account of im-
punity is easily forwarded in lieu of the
expected bullion. "As the difficulty of secur-
ing regular and prompt revenues from the
provincial satraps became greater, the Im-
perial Government, in course of time, came
to regard the Maritime Customs as the

most reliable source of income, and the one on
which only it is able to rely. A movement
was started at one time a few years ago, to
place the Customs direction in the hands of
a Chinese official, and the apprehension of
such a change induced Sir Robert Hart to
withdraw his acceptance of the post of
British Minister and retain his important
post at the seat of custom at Peking.
There are of course many Chinese place-
holders who would give an enormous sum
in solid silver for the coveted post of Inspec-
tor-General of Maritime Customs, a post
that to a native would offer such splendid
possibilities of acquiring, to say nothing of
the innumerable places that could be made
for the members of his clan. The Imperial
Government must know, however, that to
place a Chinaman at the head of this service
would be to introduce the full blight of
corruption into it which would eventually
produce the same rottenness which pervades
every other service throughout the empire,
and which would lead to a material
decline in the revenue or to the imposition
of exactions unauthorised by treaty. If the
Chinese Government are wise they will turn
a deaf ear to the voice of the clamorous
ever-asserting may-halls, or however
urgent the reasons of state which may seem
to support such a proposition. The revenue
is a vast and increasing one; it should be
carefully nursed under foreign direction
until the Chinese Civil service has undergone
the purification necessary to secure honest
administration.

As a step in this direction, we would re-
commend the amalgamation of the native
Customs with the Imperial Maritime Custom-
s. This is a measure the necessity
for and expediency of which grows yearly
more apparent. In no other country in
the world can such an anomaly be found as
two separate Customs Administrations, often
competing with each other—that is to say,
the native Customs offer a lower tariff to
induce junks to pass goods through their
office. By this means traffic has been di-
verted from foreign steamers to junks, and
the Maritime Customs have lost revenue in
order that the Haikwan or Superintendent
of Native Customs, who farms his post, may
have the opportunity of increasing his gains.
The evils resulting from this unnatural
competition are not confined to Canton alone.
Kwangtung and in Haikwan has suffered a
material decline through the introduction
of the drug from Singapore by Chinese
junks, which is either smuggled or pays a
lighter duty to the Native Customs. Mr.
E. H. PARKER, the British Consul at Hoi-
chi, in his report on the trade of that port
for 1931, says that increasing quantities of
the drug, every year, go by junks from Sin-
gapore to the port of Wen-chang, and "the
steamer import will inevitably go on
decreasing so long as the local officials
and their superiors at Canton are satisfied
by the Peking Government to pocket the
money which ought to go into the coffers
of the Imperial Maritime Customs." Mr.
HERRINGTON, Commissioner of Customs at
Kaifu, in his report on trade for 1931,
also refers to this matter. He writes:—
"This Singapore-shipped opium pays no
duty or kien, being probably landed for the
most part at out-of-the-way places; but
the danger it runs of seizure by pirates at
sea and by highway robbers on land is so
great that it cannot be sold for much less
than can opium which has paid duty and
kien. The difference, however, is sufficient
to render it impossible for the duty-paid
drug to compete with it, and at present
shipments to these places are, it is stated,
made solely as a convenient medium in
which to remit the proceeds of produce
forwarded to those for Macao for sale, the
loss on the sale of the opium representing
a somewhat less sum than the cost of re-
mitting bullion would be. The evils of,
of course, an increasing one, and as the
Imperial Government derives no revenue
from this smuggled opium, it is imperative
it be put a stop to without delay. The
only means of doing this would seem to be
either to extend the jurisdiction of the
"Foreign Customs régime throughout this
province or to insist that all junks clearing
from Singapore with opium shall enter
into a bond before the Chinese Consul
there for an amount not less than the duty
and kien on the quantity carried, to report
at the treaty port nearest their destination,
and pay to the Customs there, prior to
landing their opium, the duty, etc., leviable
upon it." The first remedy proposed by
Mr. HERRINGTON, namely to extend the juris-
diction of the Foreign Customs régime
throughout the province, would undoubtedly
be the most effective, and it would, more-
over, enable the Chinese Government to
make a valuable experiment, which if satis-
factory could be subsequently extended
throughout the eighteen provinces.

The P. & O. steamer *Karim* left Nagasaki
for this port on the 10th inst.

The *Leipzig*, flagship of the German Sigs-
nal Fleet, arrived at this port on the 10th inst.
from Singapore on the 8th inst. from Cologne.

The *Agave* (Holland). Butterfield & Swire
left Singapore on the 10th inst. and will
be here on or about the 23rd inst.

His Excellency Sir William Robinson has
intimated his acceptance, with pleasure, of the
invitation of the Committee of the Hongkong
Golf Society to become its President.

An article by Sir Edwin Arnold entitled "In
the Presence of the East," and a complete story
by W. Clark Russell, "The House of the Flag,"
appear on our fifth and sixth pages respectively.

The Hon. W. M. Goodson, Attorney-General,
leaves here to-day by the Canadian Pacific
steamer *Empress of China* for home on four
months' leave of absence. During his absence
Mr. A. J. Leach will fill the acting position.

To-morrow morning, between 9 and 10.30
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 G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.

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 and Kowloon Wharf and Goods
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SHEWAN & CO.,
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 11294
 18th July, 1892.
 MESSRS. P. NANG, AND
 COMPANY,
 SINGAPORE.
 SIR,
 "BELLONA."
 Your letter, received from the
 consignees of Cargo are hereby re-
 ceived. Their Bills of Lading for same
 are Undersigned and to take in-
 to their Goods from Singapore.
 The same will be forwarded unless notice
 be given before 4 P.M. To-DAY.
 The Goods on board ship will be
 delivered to the consignees of the
 Goods of the Hoagkong and
 the consignees of the low Company. Limited,
 consignees' risk and expense.
 It is admitted after the Goods
 are landed and all Goods remaining
 on the wharf will be subject
 to the same.
 Damaged and Goods are to
 be delivered to the consignees of the
 Goods, where they will be
 subject to the same.

218 1/2, at 4 p.m.
 cause has been effected.
 SIEMSEN & CO.,
 Agents.
 1308
 4th June, 1892.

OFFICE OF FIRM
NOTICE.
 Signed having Amalgamated the
 LAPEAUX, FRANOIS CASS OF
 DDD & CO. OF TAMBU, Com-
 as MERCHANTS and GEN-
 in AMOV and LAPHA, as
 March 1892. The Partners
 JOHN STEWARD TAMPAIK,
 SS, and THOMAS EDMUND
 LAPEAUX, CASS & Co.
 7th June, 1892. 1373
CLARET FOR BREAK-
X FAST.

RAND.....\$300 per doz. qts.
RAND.....\$350 per doz. qts.
to sent on application.

E. RICCO & CIE
7th May, 1892. [2765]

OR SALE.

HOCKS

FROM
BECKERATH, RUDES-
HEIM.

MER	\$ 450	1 doz.	qts.
"	" 600	" "	"
"	" 700	" "	"
AUSLESE	" 800	" "	"
"	" 900	2 "	pts.
HIBERGER	" 800	1 "	qts.
"	" 900	8 "	pts.
BERBERG	" 900	1 "	qts.
"	" 1000	" "	"
LOREANS	" 1200	1 "	"
LICH	" 1000	" "	"

	per case of	per cask of
12 qts.	24 qts.	
\$ 5.50	\$ 6.50	
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1875 \$26.50 \$ -
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COAL MINING COMPANY.
 COAL is a bituminous coal
 and rich color. For steam pur-
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THE MOST ECONOMICAL
ALL THE JAPANESE
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 Increasing yearly, and the opinions
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 as called to the following A.D.
 to Ship's Officers and Captains
 Bankers direct from the under-

號生怡
 SANG & Co.
 SAL. MERCHANTS.
 We always on hand
 CEMENTS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION
 OF COAL
 OF MANILA, KWONG SIANG & Co.
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